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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE EARL BUTZ

1. UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE EARL BUTZ ARRIVED LAST EVENING AT WARSAW'S OKECIE AIRPORT WHERE HE WAS GREETED BY POLISH MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE KAZIMIERZ BARCIKOWSKI AND OTHER POLISH OFFICIALS. IN BRIEF REMARKS AT THE AIRPORT, SECRETARY BUTZ CONVEYED THE GREETINGS OF PRESIDENT FORD, RECALLING THE WARM RECEPTION AFFORDED THE PRESIDENT DURING HIS VISIT TO POLAND LAST JULY.

2. SECRETARY BUTZ ALSO REFERRED TO HIS OWN CONVERSATIONS WITH MINISTER BARCIKOWSKI DURING THE MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES EARLIER THIS YEAR. "WE HAVE CLOSE AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION WITH POLAND" SECRETARY BUTZ AFFIRMED "AND WE WANT TO DISCUSS WAYS TO IMPROVE THAT COOPERATION". HE ALSO REFERRED TO THE LARGE AMOUNT OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS, STRESSING THAT THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT WOULD BE TO STRENGTHEN THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN POLAND AND THE UNITED STATES.

3. TODAY, SECRETARY BUTZ MET WITH MINISTER BARCIKOWSKI AT THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND WITH EMIL KOLODZIEJ THE MINISTER OF FOOD INDUSTRY AND PURCHASES. LATER, HE WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE PRESIDUM OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS BY CHAIRMAN PIOTR JAROSZEWICZ.

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